UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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MST Management, LLC, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Chicago Doughnut Franchise Company, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

And all related claims.

Case No. 2:21-cv-00360-JAD-DJA

Order

Defendants Bryan Morelle, Marc Freeman, Ric McKown, and Montiedell "Monty" Maple's counsel—Michael A. Royal, Gregory A. Miles, Cabrach J. Connor, Jennifer Tatum Lee, and John M. Shumaker (collectively, "Counsel")—have moved to withdraw, explaining that Defendants Morelle, Freeman, McKown, and Maple have decided to represent themselves in this matter. (ECF No. 126). Counsel explain that they will continue to represent Defendants Mark Publicover and Steve Moulton. (*Id.* at 5). Counsel add that they will serve notice of the motion to withdraw on the affected clients and opposing counsel "pursuant to the certificate of service attached herein." (*Id.* at 2). However, counsel does not list the affected clients on the certificate of service.

Under Local Rule ("LR") IA 11-6(b), "[i]f an attorney seeks to withdraw after appearing in a case, the attorney must file a motion or stipulation and serve it on the affected client and opposing counsel." LR IA 11-6(b). "The affected client may, but is not required to, file a response to the attorney's motion within 14 days of the filing of the motion." LR IA 11-6(b). The Court finds that Counsel has met the requirements of LR IA 11-6(b) except for including a certificate of service with Morelle, Freeman, McKown, and Maple's last known addresses. The Court nonetheless grants the motion because Counsel indicate that Morelle, Freeman, McKown,

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Bryan Morelle, Marc Freeman, Ric McKown, and Montiedell "Monty" Maple must advise the Court whether they will retain new counsel or proceed *pro se* by Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

DATED: April 4, 2022

DANIEL J. ALBREGTS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE